

Egypt backs continued U.S. role

WASHINGTON (R) — Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali said Wednesday his government wants the United States to continue its active role in the Middle East. He said Egypt backed U.S. efforts in the region and would press the Palestinians and Jordan to embrace President Reagan's Sept. 1, 1982, peace proposal. "We look forward to seeing the United States continue to play its active role as a mediator and partner" in the search for regional peace, Mr. Ali said after meeting Mr. Reagan. The Reagan proposal called for Palestinian self-rule in association with Jordan of Israeli-occupied territories and a freeze on future Israeli settlements in the West Bank. Egypt's renewed support of U.S. policy followed Mr. Reagan's declaration Tuesday night that he would keep some U.S. Marines in Lebanon as part of a multinational peacekeeping force.

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Hassan condoles Moroccan king

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Wednesday sent a cable to King Hassan II of Morocco conveying condolences on the death of the king's younger brother, Prince Moulay Abdallah, the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, said. Prince Hassan also delegated Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid to take part in the funeral rites for Prince Abdallah Thursday and to convey Jordan's condolences to the Moroccan monarch on the death of his brother. Petra added. The Moroccan embassy in Amman will keep open a special register for condolences on Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the agency said. The Moroccan government Wednesday decreed three days of national mourning for Prince Abdallah. The Moroccan news agency MAP said flags would be flown at half mast for seven days on public buildings.

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Riyadh summit fixed for March 31

TUNIS (R) — The next Arab summit will open in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, on March 31, preceded by a foreign ministers conference on Feb. 26 to prepare the agenda, Arab League Secretary General Chadi Klibi announced Wednesday. In a statement reported by the Tunisian News Agency TAP, Mr. Klibi said it had been agreed to leave an interval of not less than 15 days between the ministerial meeting and the summit to give foreign ministers time for appropriate consultations with their governments before the summit.

Israelis believe invasion was mistake

TEL AVIV (R) — Some 51 per cent of the Israeli public now believes Israel should not have launched its invasion of Lebanon, according to an opinion poll published Wednesday in the Israeli weekly Kinneret Rosh. This compared to 13 per cent who opposed the war in July 1982. The poll of 1,173 Israelis indicated public opposition to the war has grown steadily since Israel invaded Lebanon 18 months ago.

Andreotti heads for Israel

ROME (R) — Italian Foreign Minister Giulio Andreotti left Wednesday for three days of talks in Israel following Italy's announcement Tuesday that it had decided on a partial withdrawal of its contingent in the multinational peacekeeping force in Beirut. Foreign Ministry officials stressed his visit had been planned well in advance.

Kuwait bans large gatherings

KUWAIT (R) — Kuwait Wednesday banned meetings and gatherings of more than 20 people without advance permission, in a move seen as a further tightening of security following a wave of bomb attacks on Dec. 12 in which six people died. The Interior Ministry, in a statement reported by Kuwait Radio, said: "Any meeting or a gathering to be attended by more than 20 people needs advance permission from the ministry." The Kuwaiti daily newspaper Al Qabas, meanwhile, said the ministry had also banned hotels, clubs and other public places from holding Christmas and New Year parties.

'U.S. betrayed Libyan plotters'

WASHINGTON (R) — A former U.S. intelligence analyst charged Wednesday that U.S. embassy officials in Tripoli betrayed Libyan military officers plotting to overthrow their leader Muammar Qadhafi in 1971, leading to the plotters' execution. "They were betrayed by the Americans," Joseph Chubb, the senior U.S. air force intelligence adviser on the Middle East in the early 1970s, claimed at a news conference. He said the plotters apparently were seeking aid from the U.S. and assumed Washington wanted the ouster of the radical leader, known for his anti-American stand. But, according to Mr. Chubb, the U.S. officials "handed the information over to Qadhafi and these men were eliminated."

14 dead, 30 injured in Beirut explosions

BEIRUT (R) — At least 14 people including a French soldier were killed and more than 30 injured Wednesday when bombs exploded at a Beirut hotel and close to a stronghold held by French troops of the Beirut Multinational Force (MNF).

A French military spokesman and civil defence officials said eight civilians and one French paratrooper were killed when a vehicle packed with explosives blew up 50 metres from a sandbagged stronghold.

The explosion came five minutes after a bomb wrecked the bar and lobby of a hotel three kilometres away in downtown Beirut, killing four people and injuring about a dozen, security sources said.

In the blast near the French stronghold, a civil defence volunteer was killed and two were wounded apparently by sniper fire as they arrived at the scene, the civil defence officials said.

The French spokesman said that in addition to the paratrooper killed, about 10 were injured. The civil defence officials said the civilians died and 12 were injured when a three-storey apartment building next to an empty lot where the bomb vehicle was parked collapsed under the force of the blast.

Falangist radio, quoting military sources, said a truck drove up to the French position, the driver

jumped out and the truck exploded almost immediately. The driver drove off in a car, the radio said.

French troops in Beirut have come under repeated attack by local militias opposed to the presence of the MNF.

The reason for the attack on the hotel was not immediately known but its bar is frequented by U.S. Marines assigned to guard duty at the American embassy.

It was not immediately known whether any Americans were killed or injured, but eyewitnesses said they saw two Americans dash out of the wrecked bar at the Marble Tower Hotel.

The explosion near the French position left a huge crater in the empty lot and glass from wrecked cars was hurled at least 500 metres.

The French military spokesman said: "At this stage of the inquiry we cannot say for sure that the post was the target."

French troops in Beirut have barricaded their positions heavily since a suicide truck bombing on Oct. 23 killed 58 paratroopers. No unauthorised vehicle can

now get within 50 metres of the French positions.

The French soldier killed Wednesday was the 42nd to die since the French contingent arrived here in September 1982.

Earlier Wednesday, gunmen in a speeding car fired rocket-propelled grenades and machineguns at a French unit.

The paratroopers returned the fire and a woman passer-by was wounded in the exchange.

The attackers escaped and there were no casualties among the French troops.

Security sources said Wednesday a gunman had fired at a U.S. Marines guard post near the American embassy on the Beirut seaford, wounding a Marine in the hand.

The attacker escaped up a side street, the sources said. Security sources said Lebanese Information Minister Roger Shikani and his wife happened to be driving past the scene when the blast occurred and were slightly injured.

Blast may not be at French

In Paris, the French Defence Ministry said the bombing may not have been aimed at the French contingent.

The ministry said the explosives-packed vehicle blew up on Habib Pacha street near the command post of France's Third Paratroop Regiment and a command post of Lebanese Falangists.

Israeli fighters attack Baalbek

BEIRUT (R) — Israeli jets Wednesday bombed two pro-Iranian Shi'ite Muslim militia bases in Syrian-controlled eastern Lebanon in an air strike which according to television reports killed two people and wounded seven others.

Military sources in Beirut said the target of the sustained Israeli bombing was the Sheikh Abdullah Barracks near the historic city of Baalbek, 71 kilometres east of Beirut.

Semi-official television reported another barracks in the Ras Al 'Ain area, near Baalbek, was also attacked and that some sections of the two outposts were destroyed in the raid.

A Syrian military spokesman in Damascus said that three waves of Israeli jets attacked the Sheikh Abdullah Barracks and residential areas around Baalbek, wounding seven Lebanese civilians, two critically.

He said Syrian air defence stations "confronted the enemy planes and forced them to flee". But it was not clear from his statement if the anti-aircraft fire came from Syria or Syrian-held areas in Lebanon.

The right-wing Falangist radio in Beirut reported Syrian forces fired Soviet-made SAM-6 missiles at the attacking planes from a point near the Lebanese-Syrian border. It said the planes dropped hot-air balloons as decoys.

Rawabdeh favours elections for Amman municipal council

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Amman Mayor Abdul Raouf Al Rawabdeh said Wednesday that he believed an "elected" municipal council for the capital is the best way to serve the city and its inhabitants, and that the search is on now to find a formula to elect "democratically" such a council.

Speaking at a luncheon held by the Amman Lions Club, the mayor said: "I believe that an elected council for Amman is the best way to serve the interests of the capital, its inhabitants and visitors alike. The search is on now to find a formula under which elections can be held. But it seems to me that one council for Amman made up of the elected mayors of the suburbs and headed by the Amman mayor is the best equation for doing this. The experiment may not work right away (as the elected council members may lack the experience of those appointed), but democratic elections remain the best means for ensuring efficiency and the citizens' interests."

Amman's present municipal council comprises nine appointed members drawn from prominent citizens and is headed by Mayor Rawabdeh for a term of four years ending in October, 1984. Mr. Rawabdeh was appointed mayor of Amman earlier this year to succeed Mr. Isam Ajlouni who died in office over a year ago.

Amman to have 50 parks

In his luncheon lecture, the mayor also reiterated a pledge to have 50 parks in Amman by 1984. "It is not a question of a shortage of land upon which to build these parks," Mr. Rawabdeh said, "the municipality owns enough plots of land for the purpose". What is needed, he said, is for our national private sector institutions to help build them.

The mayor disclosed that the municipality has already offered a Jordanian charity society a 50-dunum plot of land upon which the "Jerusalem Park" would be established. There is another 24-dunum plot in Um Uthaina which is owned by the mun-



Abdul Raouf Al Rawabdeh

icipality that will be made into a park to serve residents in west Amman. Mr. Rawabdeh said: "By 1984, there will be 50 parks in the capital. I promise you," he added.

Plans to 'clean' Shmeisani

The Amman mayor also promised that Shmeisani would be transformed into a "beautiful" jabal by next January. "Many people think that the Shmeisani area is something great. But I tell you it is the least clean jabal in Amman. We've already started doing something about it, and you'll see the results in January, 1984," he told his audience.

"Those who build houses there costing a fortune and don't care to clean the rubble away from the neighbourhood afterwards — a process that costs relatively very little — will be made to do it immediately. And you will soon have a cleaner, more beautiful Shmeisani. I promise you."

More public utilities

The mayor strongly criticised the lack of public toilets in Amman. "This situation is totally unacceptable," he said. "But by early 1984, six public toilets will be built in the capital, and six more will follow by the end of that year," he added. "In 10 years there will be 100 public toilets — and the situation for the citizens will have been eased considerably."

Mr. Rawabdeh disclosed that multi-storey buildings will be allowed only in low-lying areas. Building those on hills will be banned, he said. "Already in the Abdoun area, we've enforced a law banning the building of houses more than two stories tall," he added.

The mayor unveiled a new plan to develop north Amman — the area lying right between the Sports City and Ain Ghazal. "The earlier municipality plan for developing north Amman is both wrong and unfair to land owners. It has now been discarded in favour of this new plan where the municipality will be in charge of infrastructure there, and where owners of land will get more equitable solutions for their problems."

He also criticised some laws already existing for the municipality, where citizens are not allowed to utilise their land for better investment. "We are in the process of revising these laws," the mayor said. "and we hope to be able to help citizens better soon afterwards."

More petrol stations

The mayor discussed plans for licensing more petrol stations. "On every street or corner, if necessary," these stations, he said, will be made to have a small service garage as one condition necessary for licensing. "Petrol stations don't easily catch fires. And in fact are very safe," he added.

Mr. Rawabdeh also disclosed plans to have more shopping centres for most residential areas in Amman. "I don't want my wife to travel 10 kilometres to buy a dish of hummus for the kids on Fridays," he said. "I'd rather have shops — grocers, dry cleaners, florists etc. — nearby. That way we could save on our national fuel bill, have less car accidents and ease the traffic problem, among other things," the mayor added.

Mr. Rawabdeh told his audience that he would rather not talk about his "hopes" for the capital. "Talking about achievements is always much better," he said. "But since you are 'Lions' (referring to the name of the club whose members he was addressing during Wednesday's luncheon) had better tell you everything, achievements, hopes and all," the mayor concluded jokingly.

PLO fighters arrive in Baghdad

BAGHDAD (R) — Several hundred Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) fighters evacuated from Lebanon flew into Baghdad from Cyprus Wednesday, PLO officials here said.

The guerrillas were among 4,000 fighters evacuated with PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat from the north Lebanese port of Tripoli Tuesday after a six-week siege, by Syrian-backed Palestinian rebels.

They were greeted at the airport by PLO officials and hundreds of Iraqis and Palestinians carrying pictures of Mr. Arafat and chanting slogans of support.

Some of the slogans were directed against the government of Syrian President Hafez Al Assad, accused by the PLO leader of backing the rebels seeking his replacement.

Many of the guerrillas waved

V-for-victory signs as they disembarked from the chartered Iraqi 707 and 747 Boeing jets which brought them here from Cyprus' Larnaca airport.

Palestinian sources said the Iraqi government had prepared several apartment blocks near Baghdad to house the guerrillas and their families.

Mubarak may meet Arafat

Meanwhile in Cairo President

Their exact numbers were not immediately known, but 400 guerrillas disembarked in Larnaca from the ferry Naxos, one of five Greek vessels which carried out the evacuation with an escort of French warships.

The PLO would not rule out a meeting with Mr. Mubarak and noted that Mr. Arafat's plans are always kept secret on security grounds.

Reporters asked Mr. Mubarak Wednesday about rumours of an imminent meeting with the PLO chairman. He gave little away beyond that he would see him if he did come to Cairo and that there was a standing invitation for him to do so.

"If he intends to come here I am going to meet him," Mr. Mubarak said. He said "Why not?" when reporters asked if he expected the Palestinian leader in Cairo.

Arafat arrives at Port Said

PORT SAID, Egypt (Agencies) — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, who along with 4,000 of Palestinian fighters set sail from the north Lebanese port of Tripoli Tuesday, arrived at this Egyptian port Wednesday night.

In Cairo, informed sources said Prime Minister Foad Moeidein will travel to Port Said Thursday to meet the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) chairman.

The Arafat-Moeidein meeting would be the first-ever official contact between the PLO and the Egyptian government since Cairo signed a separate peace treaty with Israel in 1979.

Reagan: Marines will stay in Lebanon

WASHINGTON (R) — Describing the Middle East as a tinderbox, President Reagan has reaffirmed his intention to keep U.S. Marines in Lebanon.

"They (the Marines) do have a purpose and a mission there. And there has been a result from this and progress made," Mr. Reagan said Tuesday.

Despite increasing casualties among the U.S. troops, Mr. Reagan said the Middle East was too important to the security of the United States and its allies "to just turn away."

"The Middle East is a tinderbox. It is the one place that could start a war that no one wanted because of its importance, particularly to the free world and to

our allies," he said during a news conference.

The president made no reference to Italy's announcement that it plans a phased and partial withdrawal of its forces in the Multi-National Force (MNF) sent to Beirut late last year.

Mr. Reagan said he did not intend to signal any lessening of American resolve when he said last week that the Marines would be withdrawn in the event of a total collapse of order in Lebanon.

Suggestions by U.S. officials that a failure of the reconciliation talks among warring Lebanese factions could lead to the Marines' withdrawal led to speculation that Mr. Reagan could be ready to bow to domestic political pressure and

bring the troops home.

But Mr. Reagan insisted domestic politics would play no role in decisions on Middle East policy.

He said he was confident the Marines in Lebanon were now as well protected as possible, but he refused specific comment on reports from a congressional subcommittee and a Pentagon team criticising security measures before the bomb attack that killed 241 U.S. servicemen on Oct. 23.

Mr. Reagan also said the recent U.S.-Israeli agreement on strategic cooperation, including closer military ties, was not new but simply a reaffirmation of a longstanding relationship which should not alarm the Arab world.

5 injured in Ankara, Istanbul blasts

ISTANBUL (R) — Five people were reported injured after two bombs exploded in Ankara and Istanbul early Wednesday, in attacks similar to recent blasts in Kuwait and Lebanon.

The explosions rocked central Istanbul and Ankara hours after Turkish military authorities said they had defused a car bomb in the Aegean port of Izmir between a U.S. officers club and a French cultural centre.

Prime Minister Turgut Ozal later said an Iranian and a Syrian had been detained in connection with the Ankara blast.

"By the look of the initial investigation today's acts do not seem to be directed at us. It looks like it

is more to do with the Middle East," he told reporters.

"Those who caused the explosions in Ankara have been taken into custody... they are of Syrian and Iranian origin," he added.

Police sources in Ankara said one of explosives blew up in the central district of Tandozan at 5.40 a.m. (0240 GMT), badly damaging surrounding buildings and shattering windows over a wide area.

Police sources later said one person had been injured by the blast.

placed beside an old stone fountain near the Iraqi consulate.

Unconfirmed reports said two people carrying a bag and speaking little Turkish were intercepted by a Turkish guard near the fountain.

The two attacked the guard, hitting him on the head, then hurled the bag to the fountain and disappeared.

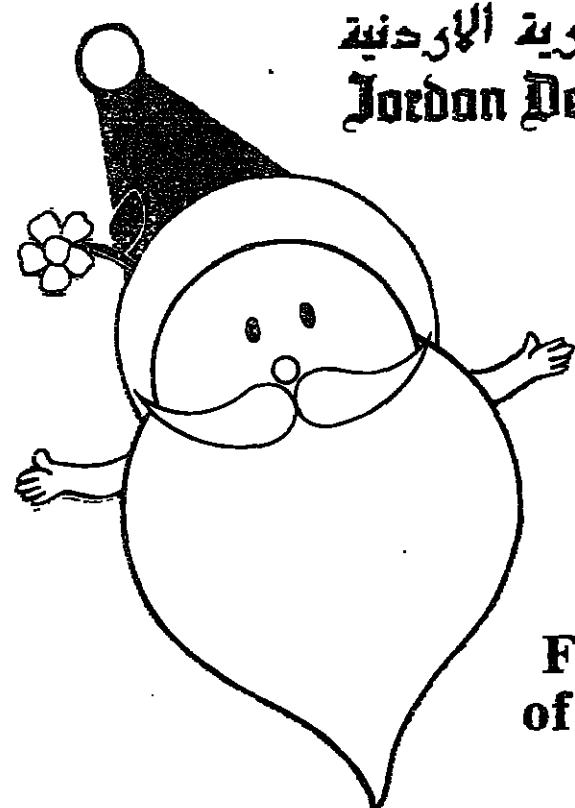
Informed sources said four people including the guard were injured in the attack, which showered surrounding streets with several hundred metres away with glass.

Wednesday's blasts follow similar attacks in Lebanon and Kuwait.

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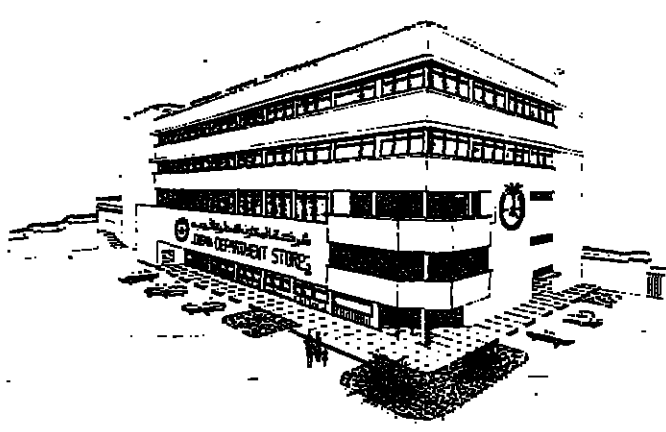


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1934 London-Melbourne race plane
to arrive in Jordan on recreation flight

AMMAN (J.T.) — The DC-2 'Uiver' (Stork), the KLM Royal Dutch Airlines airplane which took part in the legendary London-Melbourne race of 1934 and, with Captain Parmentier, won the first prize in the handicap section, is going to fly again. The plane is due to land at Amman's Marka old airport at 5:15 p.m. Friday Dec. 23, 1983.

A group of enthusiastic Dutchmen have decided, after two years of intensive preparations, that the race will be refought, now almost 50 years later. Holland and the whole world will once again be able to experience this flight along almost the same route then prescribed by the Australian chocolate manufacturer and organizer of the race, McPherson Robertson.

Many older Dutch people still know exactly how the Uiver, the DC-2 with the four man crew of Captain Parmentier, first officer Moll, radio operator Van Brugge and flight engineer Pries, and three passengers on board, started off the race together with 19 other airplanes at Middenhall near Rotterdam.

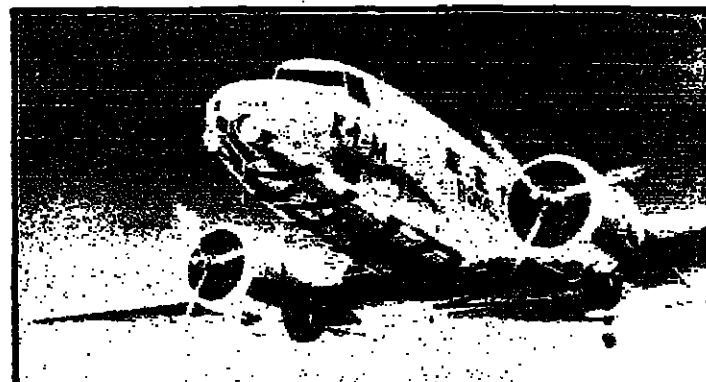
Race track

Participation in the race was the initiative of KLM's president at that time, Albert Plesman, who

wanted to prove that it was possible to transport passengers and mail safely and on time by air over a distance of more than 20,000 kilometres. In 1934 there was still no single airline which had developed a regular scheduled flight over that distance.

The race, which started on October 20, 1934, kept not only Holland, but the entire world in a state of excitement. Tense moments were experienced with the morning papers and radio reports telling of the adventures of the Dutch participants. The courageous crew, in spite of a storm-forced landing on a horse race track in Albury (Australia), saw a chance to finish second in the speed race and first in the handicap class.

The crew of the KLM aircraft then took three days, 18 hours and 13 minutes. The winners, Scott and Black from England, took two days and 23 hours with their Comet, which was designed especially for speed.



The KLM Royal Dutch Airlines airplane, which took part in the 1934 London-Melbourne race, is due to arrive here Friday Dec. 23 (File photo)

NOS TV series

An enthusiastic team from the NOS Netherlands Broadcasting Corporation under Rob Swannenburg, has traced the best, still airworthy DC-2 in the world. This DC-2, owned by Colgate W. Darden in the U.S., is in very good state and has in the meantime been painted in the old KLM colours with the contest number 44 on its tail. On September three, the DC-2 arrived at Schiphol Amsterdam Airport by canal and, just as in 1934, was transported by means of a block and tackle and a deep-loader to KLM's technical

area there. The Uiver will redepart Sunday December 18, 1983 with teams and the Dutch daily De Telegraaf of NOS television on board to film the entire flight and the location along the way. The film will be shown serially on television in Holland as well as in other countries in October 1984, the month in which the Melbourne race took place 50 years ago and the month in which the oldest airline of the world, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, will celebrate its 65th birthday. The television series will also deal with the development in civil aviation in the past 50 years.

Clever method produces interesting effects

AMMAN (J.T.) — At the Alia Art Gallery until Monday December 26 is a small exhibition of the work of Youssef Hussein. The 17 paintings depict in a palette of browns and ambers, rugged mountainous and desert landscapes, the one often rising out of the other in a way so often seen in southern Jordan. The paintings represent another variation of Hussein's familiar style and technique which includes the clever manipulation of the brush and water based medium to produce some interesting textural effects.

At the gallery last week for a brief four days was an exhibition of photographs by James Goldsworthy-Higgs which coincided with another photographic

exhibition by an expatriate, that of Anne-Marie Kost at the Jordan Intercontinental Hotel. There, however, any similarity ended for although both exhibitions had some very good photographs, Mr. Goldsworthy-Higgs produced

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them by utilising different 'technical' effects while Miss Kost achieved hers by using the camera simply as a means of recording what so fascinated and attracted her, namely the traditional way of life in Kenya, Jordan, Egypt and

the Yemen. The result of these different approaches to photography was that Mr. Goldsworthy-Higgs' photographs tended to be rather cool and detached while Miss Kost's vibrated with warmth and affection. This was because she so obviously liked her subjects, a fact which was reflected in the wide, cheeky but friendly smiles of the Arab and African boys, by the confidence and trust the Yemeni women must have placed in her by allowing her to shoot them in both their beautiful and gorgeously coloured costumes and their homes. The interiors of these, along with the old Yemeni shops, and architecture were photographs of deep and lasting interest.



James Goldsworthy-Higgs

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WHAT'S GOING ON

TODAY'S EVENTS

EXHIBITIONS

* Orientalist paintings, at the Alia Art Gallery.

* Paintings by Youssef Hussein, at the Alia Art Gallery.

CULTURAL CENTRES

Royal Cultural Centre	Tel. 6610267
American Centre	44371
American Centre Library	41520
British Council	36147-8
French Cultural Centre	37009
Goethe Institute	41993
Soviet Cultural Centre	44203
Spanish Cultural Centre	24049
Turkish Cultural Centre	39777
Hays Arts Centre	665195
Husseini Youth City	667181
Y.W.C.A.	41793
Y.W.M.C.A.	664251
Amman Municipal Library	36111
University of Jordan Library	845555

MUSEUMS

Folklore Museum: Jewelry and costumes over 100 years old. Also mosaics from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Year-round, Tel. 51760.

Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the antiquities of Jordan. Jabal Al Ota'a (Citadel Hill). Opening hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.). Closed Tuesdays.

Jordan National Gallery: Contains a collection of paintings, ceramics, and sculptures by contemporary Islamic artists from most of the Muslim countries and a collection of paintings by 19th Century orientalist artists. Mustazah, Jabal Luweibdeh. Opening hours: 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays, Tel. 30128.

Martyrs' Memorial (Military Museum): Collection of military memorabilia dating from the Arab Revolt of 1916. Sports City, Amman. Opening hours 9

a.m. - 4 p.m. closed Saturdays. Tel. 664240.

Popular Life of Jordan Museum: 100 to 150 year old items such as costumes, weapons, musical instruments, etc. Opening hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays. Tel. 37169.

SERVICE CLUBS

Lions Amman Club. Meetings every second and fourth Wednesday at the Tyche Hotel. 1:30 p.m.

American Club. Meetings every Wednesday at the Holiday Inn. 1:30 p.m.

Rotary Club. Meetings every Tuesday at the Intercontinental Hotel. 2:00 p.m.

Royal Automobile Club. Jabal Amman. Eighth Circle. Tel. 815261.

CHURCHES

St. Joseph Church (Roman Catholic): Jabal Amman. Tel. 24590.

Church of the Annunciation (Roman Catholic): Jabal Luweibdeh. 37440.

De la Salle Church (Roman Catholic): Jabal Hussein. 661757.

Church of the Ascension (Greek Orthodox): Abdali. 23541.

Anglican Church (Church of the Redeemer): Jabal Amman. 41559.

Armenian Catholic Church Ashrafieh. 71331.

Armenian Orthodox Church Ashrafieh. 75261.

St. Ephraim Church (Syrian Orthodox): Ashrafieh. 71751.

Armenian Apostolic Church (Interdenominational): meets at Southern Baptist School in Shmeisani. 663249.

PRAYER TIMES

06:05	Fajr
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11:34	Dhuhr
14:15	'Asr
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18:03	Isha

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U of J inaugurates nuclear accelerator

AMMAN (Petra) — A nuclear accelerator, which came to Jordan as a gift from the West German government, was inaugurated at a special ceremony held at the University of Jordan Wednesday.

The accelerator, which can be used in conducting experiments and research in physics-related fields, was received by the university from the German Aid for Technical Cooperation (GTZ) according to the chairman of physics department, Awni Hallak.

The agreement to acquire the accelerator, which cost DM 5 million, was approved in 1972 and the machine ordered by GTZ was received by the university in 1978.

Work started immediately on the construction of a building especially designed to accommodate the accelerator and, when the building was ready in 1981, installation work started with the accelerator becoming fully operational at the beginning of 1983, Dr. Hallak said.

According to Dr. Hallak, the accelerator has been named the Jordan Van de Graff Accelerator and has now been installed in the building located next to the physics department.

In an interview Dr. Hallak said that this accelerator is a research facility devoted to theoretical and applied research in physics using

energetic ion beams. It uses span such fields as:

1. Metallurgy and industry — a. It can help in studying the environmental influence on surfaces (for example corrosion, oxide formation, erosion).

b. It tests the quality of lubricating oil and wear metals in used engine oil.

c. It gives quantitative analysis of quality control for industrial products such as steel, building materials, fertilisers.

d. It tests the composition of phosphate, apatite, and other rock materials for ores, and rare earth material.

2. Archaeology — It traces element studies of ancient pottery, inks, papers, colours, violin varnish, wood, artifacts and jewellery in relation to origin and age.

3. Life sciences — a. It studies the elemental composition of plants for the detection of the influence of such things as pollutants, fertilisers, diseases.

b. It analyses human and animal blood, urine, hair, and tissues for correlation between trace elements and diseases.

4. Water analysis — It studies the impurity of sea water, rain, underground water, etc., and quality control of drinking water.



The nuclear accelerator which was inaugurated Wednesday in a special building attached to the physics department at the University of Jordan (File photo)

5. Air pollution — It studies the elemental concentration of particulate matter in natural and polluted atmosphere due for instance traffic density and fumes in factories.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by West German ambassador to Jordan Hermann Munz and the university's acting president, Mahmoud Al Samra.

Trustees approve university budget

AMMAN (J.T.) — The JD 33.15 million 1984 fiscal budget for the University of Jordan has been endorsed by the university's board of trustees.

The overall revenues are estimated at JD 27.65 million while expenditure divides into JD 19.415 million, JD 13.735 million for recurrent and capital spending respectively.

The budget represents a 3.7 per cent increase over that of 1983. The budget includes provisions

to establish a fine arts academy which is expected to open for students in the coming academic year, raising the number of the university's faculties to 14.

Also included in the budget are plans to continue work on the current projects included in the university's Five-year development plan, which include the building of utilities for students, a head office for the university's presidency and administrative quarters, and the

second stage of housing units for university staff.

The budget also includes allocations for the new staff needed to fill posts created by the newly established faculty and other administrative posts.

The university's hospital budget has been estimated at JD 11.13 million, of which JD 4.5 million is expected to be contributed by the government. A university spokesman said however, that if the government subsidy remains at last year's level of JD 3.5 million, the hospital will suffer badly and this will be reflected in the services it offers.

These would include the cancellation of new appointments especially specialists and nurses, as well as the purchasing new apparatus and equipment, the spokesman said.

Adenauer fund to help with social development

AMMAN (Petra) — The West German Konrad Adenauer Foundation is to supply the Ministry of Social Development with technical equipment as well as providing expertise to help promote the ministry's activities in accordance with a three-year agreement signed here Wednesday.

Under the agreement, the West German foundation will develop the Princess Rahmeh Social Community Centre at 'Allan by

supporting training programme and financing research and study projects going on at the centre. It will also supply the centre's library with books and publications in addition to sending the centre's staff on scholarships to West Germany.

The agreement was signed by Minister of Social Development, In'am Al Mufti and West German ambassador to Jordan Hermann Munz.

Delegation leaves for Arab agricultural and council meeting

AMMAN (Petra) — A Jordanian delegation left for the Sudanese capital of Khartoum Wednesday

to take part in the meetings of the Arab Organisation for Agricultural Development Council scheduled to start there Saturday.

During the week-long meeting, the council will discuss the projects which it will finance next year in various Arab countries and the organisation's general budget.

The Jordanian delegation, led by Minister of Agriculture Under-Secretary Salem Al Lawzi, will submit a working paper on Jordan's agricultural projects.

Chinese health team arrives

AMMAN (Petra) — A health delegation from the People's Republic of China arrived here Wednesday evening on a week-long visit to Jordan. The delegation, comprising medical and health specialists, will tour Jordanian medical and health centres and hospitals as well as tourist sites.

W. Germany donates wheelchairs

AMMAN (Petra) — West Germany has made a donation of 12 specially-designed wheelchairs to the University of Jordan for the benefit of handicapped university students. The chairs are made in such a way as to enable the handicapped person to take part in sporting activities. The gift was presented to the university's vice-president, Dr. Mahmoud Al Samra.

Municipality to make more refuse bins

AMMAN (Petra) — Amman Municipality has decided to start work on the southern Hashimi garden and to manufacture metal refuse bins which will be cited on the pavements of main streets.

At its weekly meeting Wednesday, the municipal council, which met under the chairmanship of Abdul Raouf Al Rawabdeh, also decided to hold training courses for health controllers, to impound livestock being kept within the municipality boundaries and to prevent street vendors from selling fruit and vegetables.

Jordan, Egypt to boost bilateral trade

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan and Egypt Wednesday voiced their determination "to promote their economic and trade relations so as to establish it on a sound basis and in a manner that best serves the interests of Arab economic integration."

The two countries' views were expressed by Jordan's Minister of Industry and Trade Walid Asfour and Egyptian minister of economy and foreign trade, Dr. Mustafa Sa'id, at the outset of official talks which opened at the Ministry of Industry and Trade Wednesday.

"Jordan aims to draw up economic and trade agreements with Arab countries in a bid to achieve closer cooperation with them and to promote Arab economic integration," Mr. Asfour said at the meeting.

"We must not allow political factors to interfere in our economic planning and to prevent bilateral cooperation," Mr. Asfour added.

He said that Jordan's economic ties with Egypt since the 1950s have been satisfactory, "but we are looking forward to seeing more cooperation in implementing previous protocols and new agreements."

Mr. Asfour also spoke about Jordan's economic system, the role of the private sector and the facilities offered to Jordanian traders especially in relation to obtaining licences to import commodities from abroad.

"Jordan can export cement, potash, fertilisers and timber to Egypt in exchange for Egyptian products and this can be done on a

barter basis — a policy which Jordan has adopted to achieve an equitable balance of trade with all countries," the minister said.

Jordan must find means of overcoming obstacles that impede trade with Egypt, and facilitate all procedures in this respect, the minister added.

For his part, Dr. Sa'id expressed Egypt's keenness to increase its volume of trade with Jordan despite the existing restrictions imposed on consumption in Egypt.

"The balance of trade is at present in Egypt's favour but, by expanding trade, we are bound to achieve an equitable solution and a balance in the exchange of goods between the two countries," the minister said.

He said that Egypt plans to expand trade with other Arab countries with a view to arriving at Arab economic integration.

At the meeting attended by aides on both sides, the ministers discussed a number of topics on the agenda.

These included bilateral cooperation in air transport, and the overland transshipment of Egyptian goods to the Gulf states from Jordan's Red Sea Port of Aqaba.

Dr. Sa'id, whose delegation includes a number of senior Egyptian bankers, will also discuss Jordan's

plan to give its nationals majority ownership of foreign banks during his talks here.

The Egyptian-owned Arab Land Bank has been one of the first foreign banks here to accept the plan in principle. It has a paid up capital of JD 2 million and has been operating in Jordan since 1951, dealing mainly in real estate.

Dr. Sa'id was also carrying a message from Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak to His Majesty King Hussein.

Earlier Wednesday, Prime Minister Mudar Badran conferred in his office with the Egyptian minister.

They exchanged views on a number of issues pertaining to trade and economic cooperation between Jordan and Egypt. The meeting was also attended by Mr. Asfour.

Dr. Sa'id, who arrived here Tuesday evening on a four-day visit to Jordan, is expected to sign a bilateral trade protocol Thursday.

Hassan attends army unit's 33rd anniversary

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Wednesday attended the celebrations of the First Royal Armoured Battalion which marked the 33rd anniversary of its creation.

Prince Hassan reviewed the guard of honour at the outset of the celebration and then made a brief speech in which he conveyed His Majesty King Hussein's greetings and best wishes to the brigade's officers and troops on this occasion.

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RED AND BLACK

The Christmas spirit

CHRISTMAS IS not a Christian-specific occasion anymore. It has become a universal system. Thanks to people like Bing Crosby, white Christmas and bearded Santa are now international sights and symbols.

For one, Christmas marks a day on which all Christians in the world think of Bethlehem — the hilly town in Palestine where Jesus was given birth by the Virgin Mary. The oddity of the occasion symbolised that Palestine was the land of miracles and prophets. No fact ever remains fixed there, although the symbols remain for

ever, making the terrain the land of peace that belongs to all.

Another fact about Christmas signifies the end of a Gregorian year, and signals a new one. In this particular Christmas the shadows of 1984 are around — the year of George Orwell. Was Orwell right in his prediction of the deterioration of "Democracy"? Or was the man hallucinating with fever and building imaginings as wild as Kafka's castle?

This year's Christmas comes at a time when the Arab World has little cause to be merry and

joyous. Lebanon is still torn apart. The Palestinians are in a diaspora, while the killers of Christ are in his Kingdom.

All the thoughts however are not of dismal nature. There is always a happy notion. Economically speaking, Christmas has become a universal shopping occasion. Hardly any place in the world escapes the site of Santa Claus hanging from a window shop, or sitting in a glass room eavesdropping on children's chit chats, or puffing his belly on the stay-driven coach.

Sales are supposed to pick

up. Shops are always ready to make some investment in decoration and attraction items. Real and phony trees glitter with continuous lights winking clients in. Such universality is harmonising world consumption behaviour. Although there are people who spend long hours shopping for a gifts to relatives and loved ones, there are others who are engrossed in devising new ideas for gift packages and celebration. Almost every product is now suggested as an appropriate gift ranging from quartz watches to lazy rocking chairs.

The universality of Christmas shopping and buying spree is not the only thing. Sales, occasions, price cuts, bargain buys, etc., are common features in the post-Christmas period. While pre-Christmas shopping is done for others, post-Christmas shopping is for one's own needs. Even those who receive many gifts might find them of the luxury type. Necessities are bought at cheaper prices when prices are down.

The post-Christmas business is for shrewd buyers and eager-to-clear sellers. Shelves must be emptied and res-

tocked. Why are prices cut down after Christmas if demand is so high?

Well, because the post-Christmas shopping is created by price cuts. It just would not exist without them. Moreover, many gifts are Christmas-specific, and they have to go then. Otherwise they may not be sold at all. Prices up, new goods up, sales up before Christmas. Prices down, new goods down, sales up after Christmas. This is certainly an international economic phenomenon worth spreading.

Merry Christmas to you all.

New scope for partnership

ALMOST everybody is speculating on what PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat would do in the post-Tripoli era: whether he would come to Jordan to resume his dialogue here on joint political moves or get bogged down again in reconciliation efforts with the Syrians, or just do nothing substantial for the moment to solve the Palestinian problem.

On numerous occasions during and before his siege in Tripoli, Arafat said he would come back to Amman to resume the talks with His Majesty the King on forging a common stand on a Middle East political settlement. The talks were suspended by the Jordanian government last April for the failure to reach an agreement with the PLO on what should be done next to solve the Palestinian problem. If he does come here — and we think his return is inevitable — Arafat will find in Jordan an atmosphere a bit different from that he felt in April.

Jordan now is much more keen on and convinced that the right way to tackle the Palestinian problem is through holding an international conference in which the Soviet Union would participate alongside the U.S. and other parties. This option has long been a PLO demand, and Arafat would find it easier to reach accord with Jordan on this point.

The Kingdom feels that the Reagan plan still has its appeal as a vehicle towards achieving a lasting settlement in the Middle East. If Arafat would want to give the U.S. one more chance to re-establish its credibility as mediator in the area, Jordan doubtless would want to exert more pressure in order to secure a more solid commitment towards working for peace from the Americans. Arafat's readiness to compromise in this respect would greatly strengthen Jordan's hands to make progress — but not from without Arab and U.N. resolutions on the problem.

Following the revival of the U.S.-Israel "strategic co-operation" talk Jordan seems also ready to consider in concert with the Palestinians and other Arabs other ways and means to confront the Israeli threat in case joint moves towards a political settlement come to a head. The revival of the "Eastern Front", for which the PLO leadership has been striving, could be one option. Working jointly for Arab solidarity to form a new front against U.S.-Israeli collaboration is another. And so on.

It is then in the context of keeping all options alive for a lasting joint Jordanian-Palestinian partnership that Arafat's expected visit to Jordan, in the post-Tripoli era, will be most productive and promising. The occasion, in the present sea of trouble, should serve as the single most important chance to get things forward — one way or the other.

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Al Ra'i: Another chapter closes

WE ARE not sorry to see Yasser Arafat and his men leave Tripoli for their new destination. This departure does not signal the end of the aspirations and hopes of the Palestinian people nor their subjugation to the Israeli and other enemies of the Arab Nation. Since the turn of the present century, the Palestinian people have been exposed to various forms of oppression and persecution and have offered numerous sacrifices for their homeland. Since Palestine was usurped the Palestinian people have faced oppression and aggression at the hands of the Israelis but have been able to keep the Palestine cause and the Palestinian issue alive. They displayed determination in the fight and the struggle against Zionists and against oppression.

In the recent struggle, Arafat and his men were resisting not only oppression but also attempts aimed at imposing hegemony and domination on them by other Arabs. We do not see anything unfamiliar in the departure of the Palestinian fighters from Tripoli because the conspiracy against them is so huge and so horrible. It is because the Palestinians were able to stand up and face the Zionists and the enemies of the Arab Nations that the conspiracy was directed against them. It is because the Palestinians were the only Arabs that were able to use their guns against their enemies that all such conspiracies were directed against them.

Al Dustour: Fighters win Arab respect

WE REALISE that the departure of the Palestinian fighters from Lebanon is not a victory for them nor is it an occasion to call for celebrations. Yet, the departure has marked a defeat for the Palestinian people's enemies, Israeli and otherwise, because the conspiracies that were directed against the Palestinian leadership have been thwarted and aborted.

The men who fought heroically in Lebanon against the Israelis during the invasion, and the dissidents and their supporters in the Bekaa Valley and around Tripoli, were not happy to leave Lebanon and the land where they fought their enemies for so long. Nor are all the people who love the fighters and support their just cause happy to see them leave from Tripoli. But the circumstances required this departure in view of the concerted efforts of the Palestinian people's enemies, to annihilate the fighters who were besieged by land and sea.

Sawt Al Shaab: Problems not solved

AT LAST the Palestinians have left Lebanon but, even with their departure, the other parties will continue to face all the same issues and problems that have been plaguing Lebanon for so long. The Lebanese used to blame the Palestinians for Israel's invasion of their country. The Israelis found in the Palestinian presence in Lebanon a pretext for invading that country, and the Syrians saw in the presence of the Palestinian fighters in Lebanon a proxy through which to wage a battle with the Israelis whom they wanted to avoid as much as possible. The departure of the Palestinians from Lebanon will not solve the problems of that country nor will it help the other parties in achieving their aims. All the parties in Lebanon have conspired against the Palestinians as a way of covering up for their own involvement, so the departure, although it is a hard lesson for Arafat and his men, will never guarantee for those other parties stability and peace.

Following is the text of an address by Democratic presidential candidate George McGovern to the delegates to "Decision '84" of the American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee's (AADC's) West Coast convention on Nov. 5, 1983.

I STRONGLY disagree with the surrender of the War Powers Act by the Congress of the United States, which in effect, not withstanding the bitter lessons of Vietnam, has given the chief executive 18 months to do whatever he wishes with the United States Marines now on station in the Middle East. As Senator John Stennis of Mississippi has said, "This is the Gulf of Tonkin all over again." Now under the pretext of defending Lebanon against Moscow and Syria, the Falangists who now control Beirut are trying to crush other religious groups in Lebanon including the Druze, the Shiite Muslims and others. And a small fraction of the Lebanese population is using the Lebanese army to subdue their religious and class rivals. In that scheme, they are attempting to involve the United States Marine Corps on their side, under the pretext that they're trying to help the United States beat the Russians. This device has been used to exploit American power and prestige by one political opportunist after another ever since World War II. It was done by Singman Rhce, in South Korea; it was done by Samoz in Nicaragua; it has been done by Maroos in the Philippines and by Pinochet in Chile.

Alleged peacekeeping

The President has mistakenly dispatched our Marines into one of the most complicated religious and class struggles in the Middle East, and this in the name of peacekeeping and resisting the Russians. Our longtime Israeli ally, I regret to say, did not help very much in preparing the way when Mr. Begin and General Sharon conducted to totally unjustified invasion of Lebanon in 1982.

The invasion was supposed to strengthen the security of Israel and to weaken Mr. Arafat and the PLO. Instead, it left Lebanon bruised and broken. It paved the way for bloodthirsty Falangist gunmen to slaughter innocent men, women and children in two Palestinian refugee communities after the Palestinian fighting men had agreed to leave the country. And instead of restoring the security and confidence of the state of Israel, it divided that nation, broke its self-confidence and unity. Mr. Begin has resigned in despair and the Middle East is more dangerous than ever.

It is far better for American politicians to take some chances in telling the truth than to gamble with the lives of young people while we hide in silence.

I have considered myself a long-time friend of the state of Israel and a lifelong Christian. I have gloried in the great spiritual insights of the Hebrew prophet, but God Almighty weighs all policies and all nations and all peoples in the same scales of justice. And just as I spoke out in the 1960's against American involvement in Vietnam, so do I deplore the shattering Israeli invasion of Lebanon and the rash settlement's policy on the West Bank.

Ironically, we know that these policies of Mr. Begin and Gen. Sharon probably cause greater anguish among thoughtful people in Israel than anywhere else. Those policies were not by any means unanimously endorsed by the people of Israel.

We saw hundreds of thousands of men, women and children — concerned Israeli citizens — demonstrating in the streets of Tel Aviv and Jerusalem against the policies of their own government. We heard very prominent Israeli opposition leaders such as Shimon Peres and Abba Eban and others speaking out indignantly against that aggressive invasion and the

role of the Israeli army. We heard the searing debates in the Knesset as the tragedy of the Lebanese invasion and the slaughter of the refugees by the Falangists came home to the conscience of the people of Israel.

Silence and complicity

But what happened in American politics? I regret to say that the order of the day was largely silence and complicity. It is a matter of some embarrassment to me as one who is very proud of the Democratic Party, that my fellow Democrats, meeting in the Mid-term Convention in Philadelphia, in June 1982, passed a resolution right in the wake of the Israeli invasion of Lebanon, praising Israel as a resistor of terror and a maker of peace.

Now that is not the way to treat a friend who has gone astray. We should have done Israel the honour of rebuking those political leaders who betray the great ideals of Judaism.

Bring them home

And today, we should stop pretending that American Marines are in Lebanon to safeguard that country from Russia and her allies. Having bungled in getting these young men into a hopeless internal struggle of ancient origin, I think we should now bring them home before one additional American Marine dies in that country.

And let us make it clear to all the warring parties in the Middle East, that the proper place for all of them is the peace table, not the battlefield. I think the United States can and should offer its services as an honest, even-handed broker for peace, but we should not offer unconditional aid to any nation that spurns the past to a just and lasting peace.

The founder of our nation, George Washington, stated a general principle of foreign policy in his great farewell address that we perhaps need to hear again. Please listen to it, because it applies equally to the Middle East, to Central America or to Soviet-American relations. I give you these words from George Washington: "The nation which indulges towards another an habitual hatred or an habitual fondness is in some degree a slave. It is a slave to its animosity or to its affection, either to which is sufficient to lead it astray from its duty and its interest."

In the past, indeed in the present, I think we have relied too exclusively on the path of force. We would advance our prospects better, whether in Central America or in the Middle East, by trying to understand our opponent and second, where possible, to conclude durable understandings with them.

Understanding and compromise

Speaking to this audience tonight of Arab-Americans, I would urge a greater measure of accommodation and compromise. I do not believe that peace will come to the Middle East until Israel recognises the legitimate right of the Palestinians to an independent homeland of their own.

The other side of that equation is that I do not believe peace will come either, until the Palestinian and Arab leadership finds it in their hearts, to recognise Israel as a permanent independent state. The Jewish journalist I.F. Stone wrote in 1969, "The Arab-Jewish struggle is a tragedy. The essence of tragedy," he said, "is a struggle of right against right." And I think this is the essence of the Middle East tragedy — two rights you could argue the degree of rightness and wrongness, but essentially a Palestinian right and an Israeli right.

Gloomy prospects

Today I regret to say, the Palestinian leader, Yasser Arafat, is pinned down, his back to the wall.

terrorism, feeds the violence and extremism that undermines the path to peace.

I know very well that the path of reconciliation is hazardous. I know that the path of diplomatic

negotiation is hard and frustrating, but the other path of hatred and war means death. So I think it behooves all of us at this critical time, in the life of the world, to recall that ancient bit-

lical promise: "When a man's ways please the Lord, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him."

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Whatever happened to the World Water Decade

By John Madek

COPENHAGEN, Denmark — Are the United Nations, the international aid agencies and the national governments trying to quietly shelve the "World Water and Sanitation Decade, 1981-90" after only two years?

In 1980 the then U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim said the official goal of "clean water and adequate sanitation for all by 1990" was "eminently achievable". He promised:

"The United Nations system will provide the overall framework, the technical support, the momentum and the promotional activities necessary for the programme's success".

Yet, less than three years later, senior World Health Organisation (WHO) officials were saying "we knew all the time" that achievement of the decade's goal "was not possible".

What has gone wrong? In an official update on the decade (prepared for a meeting with European journalists here), WHO listed five major constraints: "The absence of strong popular and official support, weak institutions, shortage of trained personnel, doubts about technology and insufficient financial resources".

These problems threaten to cripple the decade. By the end of 1982 only 26 countries had set firm targets for 1990, and many were aiming at less than the 100 per cent target called for by the U.N. and its agencies.

Lack of money is the key obstacle. In 1980 the World Bank estimated that a global annual investment of \$60 billion would be needed throughout the 1980s to provide every rural home with a latrine and a standpipe or hand-pump, and every urban home with a tap and sewerage connection. A cheaper option was to aim at only 80 per cent coverage using cheaper technologies, cutting the investment by half to \$30 billion.

As global spending on water and sanitation projects in 1978 had only been \$7 billion, the second option was considered more realistic. So the 100 per cent aim of the decade was virtually abandoned even before it had begun.

Since then the decade has not attracted much more money for new projects. In 1981 only \$10 billion went into new projects, which, allowing for inflation, meant that about the same number of additional water and sanitation services were provided as in 1978.

The developing countries invested \$8 billion of that \$10 billion. Given their suffering economies, they are unlikely to increase that amount.

At the same time, international aid has been lower than expected. Even the U.N. Development Programme (UNDP), coordinator of decade activities, has reduced its funds for water and sanitation projects from \$14 million in 1980 — before the decade began — to \$6.5 million in 1982.

World Bank loans for water and sanitation too plummeted from an average of \$572 million a year between 1977 and 1981, to \$441 million in 1982.

Every single day between 24,000 and 60,000 children under

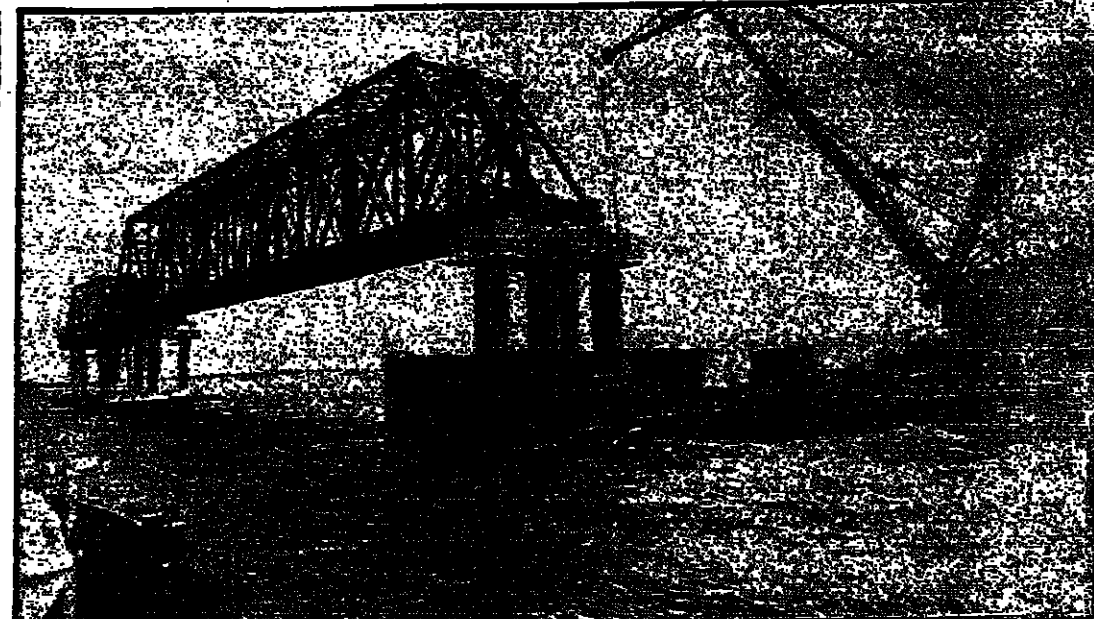
the age of five die of water-related diseases, according to WHO estimates. In recognition of this, the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF) spends 20 per cent of its money of water and sanitation projects worldwide. Yet even UNICEF spends only 10 per cent of its water and sanitation budget on sanitation. That is only 2 per cent of its total budget. Ironically, UNICEF has a reputation among U.N. agencies for its concern for sanitation.

In many countries the institutions which are supposed to be implementing the decade's work are weak and lack trained staff. WHO, which says that technological problems are a major difficulty, has not itself done very much about this lack of training. It has not devoted any more money for training, and it has not recruited a single additional water engineer since the decade began.

UNICEF's senior water specialist Martin Beyer believes that the decade's most serious problem is that many local communities do not accept "that they need clean water". He believes that national governments must give greater priority to educating people about the benefits of clean water.

Dr. Berndt Dietrich, WHO's director of Environmental Health, believes that the decade is gaining momentum and that more people are becoming aware of the importance of clean drinking water. He says the key question is: "Are we going to get the resources?"

If not, the decade's aim of providing safe drinking water and adequate sanitation for all by 1990, and WHO's more ambitious goal of "Health for All" by the year 2000 will become little more than cruel jokes — Earthscan feature.



The foundation is laid down for a steel structure in the body of the anti-flood dike in the Gulf of Finland (TASS photo).

Diking off Leningrad against the Baltic flood

LENINGRAD: — The Neva River is the chief sight in the city of Leningrad. The city would not be Leningrad without the river and its numerous bridges across the mainstream, the delta branches, and canals and tributaries.

Yet, the river, its delta and the whole system of canals have constituted a constant menace to Leningrad: Cyclones brewing above the North Atlantic, kick up the so-called long rolling sea in the Baltic. The sea rools eastward, runs into the shallow Gulf of Finland and gains speed and height, the shallower, the higher. Arriving to Leningrad, the sea burst into the Neva's mouth, raising quickly the river's level.

As the river's water is held back by the sea, it adds to the flood. The level may rise by several metres.

Leningrad has been flooded this way over 250 times. Now the city is running a warning service which produces warnings a few hours before the actual flood. Though there is no loss of life, the damage inflicted by the flood may be great.

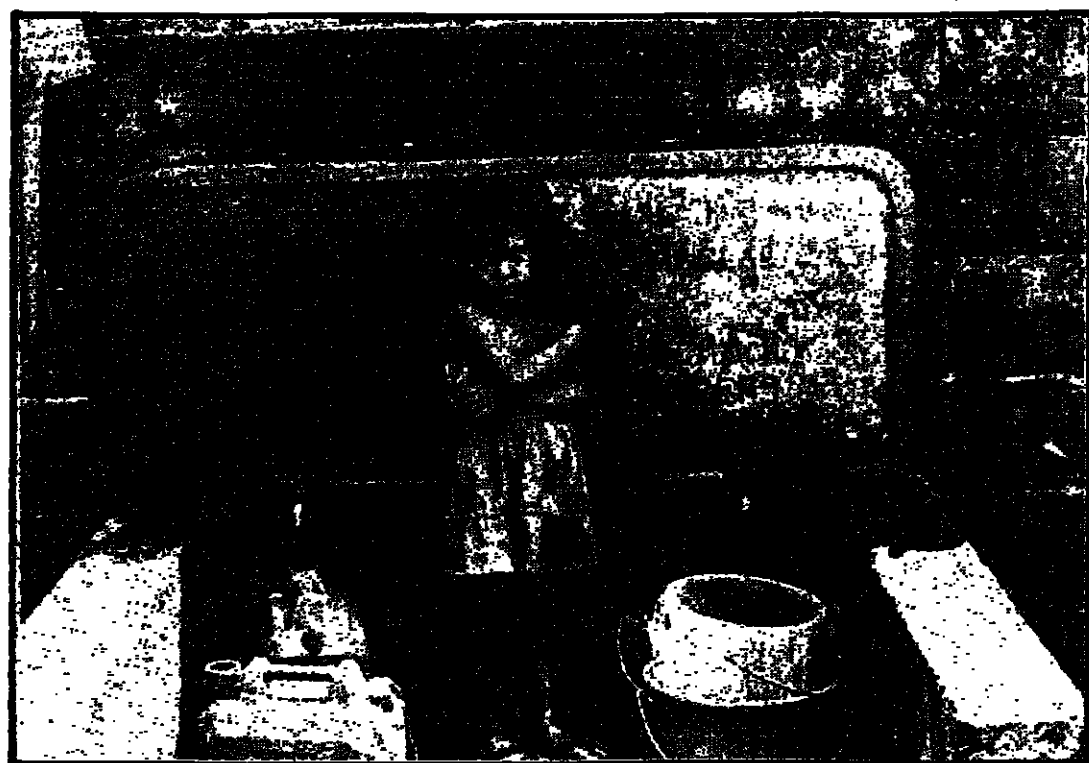
Scientists have developed a project to defend the city against the floods — a 25 kilometre dike which will cut across the Gulf of Finland. The dike is currently built at three points: From the Gulf's northern and southern sides and from the Kotlin Island.

The dike's body of stone and earth will stop the long rolling sea

and hold its back till it subsides. There will be gaps in the dike to drain off the Neva's water, and gates for ships bound to and from Leningrad's seaport. The gates and spills will be clamped tight at the weather service's flood warning, by heavy steel flaps barring the way to long rolling seas.

There will be built a motorway along the crest of the dike which will ease off heavy traffic inside the city.

The project includes several-million cubic metre earth-moving, assembling of a few thousand tons of steel structures, lay down a few underwater tunnels and other work. The dike is to be completed in a few years — TASS feature.



A Filipino girl waits for water. Slightly more than two years into the World Water Decade (1981-90), funds from the United Nations, the World Bank and national governments appear to be drying up. (Earthscan photo).

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Egyptian national soccer team arrives in Amman

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Egyptian national soccer team arrived in Amman Wednesday to play two friendly matches with the Jordanian national side. The visit came in response to an invitation by the Jordanian Football Association.

The matches will be played on Friday and Sunday at Amman's Sports City stadium and will be held under the patronage of His Highness Prince Abdullah and Minister of Justice Ahmad Al Tarawneh. Egypt will be represented by its regular team which is currently in the final qualification stages for the Los Angeles Olympics. Egypt has to clash with Algeria on Jan. 6 to decide one of Africa's representatives for the Olympics. African soccer teams will have two berths in Los Angeles.

Egyptian soccer has for a long time been a dominant force in Arab and African sport. Egypt was the first Arab country to reach the World Cup finals in 1934, and gained 4th position twice at the Olympics in 1928 and 1964. Egypt also won the African Nations Cup twice.

Birmingham forces Liverpool to replay

BIRMINGHAM, England (R) — A second-half equaliser by Birmingham City's acting captain Mick Harford restricted holders Liverpool to a 1-1 draw and forced a fourth round English League Cup replay here Tuesday night.

Liverpool seemed assured of a quarter-final trip to Sheffield Wednesday as they clung to captain Graeme Souness's 26th minute goal, his fourth of the competition. But in the 74th minute, Harford turned in his ninth goal of the season when full back Jim Hagan, looking at least two metres offside, collected Byron Stevenson's long pass down the right wing and crossed low into the centre.

Wenzel wins downhill for 1st time

HAUS, Austria (R) — Liechtenstein's slalom and giant slalom specialist, Hanni Wenzel, won her first ever women's World Cup downhill race here on Wednesday, edging West German favourite Irene Epple into second place. Wenzel, 27, starting from 16th position, covered the ice-packed 2,700-metre course, which drops 674 metres, in one minute 44.67 seconds, almost four hundredths of a second faster than Epple.

Epple, who won the downhill at Val d'Isere two weeks ago, started third and appeared to have the race sewn up as later starters failed to match her stunning 1:45.00. But her second place meant she retained the lead in the World Cup downhill standings. "I still can't believe I've won," Epple said as her fellow competitors thronged round to congratulate her just as Wenzel was storming down the course. After seeing her first place snatched away by Wenzel's flawless performance on the difficult course, she added: "But Hanni is a good friend of mine and I'm glad about her victory."

Aberdeen wins Supercup

ABERDEEN, Scotland (R) — Hamburg's season of woe absorbed another misery here Tuesday night when Aberdeen beat them 2-0 to become the first Scottish team to win the European Supercup.

Neil Simpson and Mark McGhee scored the second half goals which sank Hamburg, who had managed only a goalless draw in the first leg in West Germany. Nothing has gone right for Hamburg since they surprised the punters last May to beat star-studded Juventus of Italy 1-0 in the European Cup final.

Their European title defence extended beyond the first round this season thanks only to a bye. Romania's Dinamo Bucharest knocked them out in the second round. Hopes of carrying off the World Club Championship title collapsed in Tokyo when Gremio of Brazil beat them 2-1. On Tuesday night, European Cup-Winners Cup victors Aberdeen revelled in the rain and won the match which gives them claim to the tag of Europe's number one team.

Aberdeen seemed to have a real battle on their hands in the first half when the West German defence was rarely troubled. But the Scots dictated the game once international winger Peter Weir struck from after the interval and gave former West German international full-back Manfred Kaltz a torrid time.

Weir created the opening for the goal, running half the length of the pitch in the 46th minute and sending in a cross which was only partly controlled by John Hewitt. Hewitt, however, managed to knock the ball into the patch of Simpson, who drove home a low shot.

Aberdeen then took complete control and Hewitt should have scored twice more from prompting by Weir. But the goal was not much longer in coming.

A Weir corner in the 64th minute found Willie Miller at the far post. Miller drove the ball back into the centre for McGhee to get home. Simpson got the ball in the net again in the 82nd minute but was judged offside.

Match-winner Weir was told after the game his wife had given birth to a son. Aberdeen manager Alex Ferguson said: "By getting Weir going on the left we were able to put extra pressure on the German defence."

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Subroto appeals to oil states to steady prices

JAKARTA (R) — Indonesia Wednesday welcomed Britain's move to freeze its oil prices and appealed to other oil producers to steady their official prices to help support the fragile world oil market.

Mines and Energy Minister Subroto, speaking to Reuters by telephone, said that in the interest of market stability, countries not in the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) should resist pressure from customers to cut prices.

"I appeal to all oil producers to refrain from starting a pricing war, and applaud Britain's decision to freeze prices," the former OPEC chairman said.

Non-OPEC producers are split on whether to follow an OPEC decision in Geneva to freeze its Saudi light benchmark at \$29 a barrel.

So far the Soviet Union and 2

major oil refiners in the United States have shaved their prices under customer pressure, while Britain and Egypt have said they will resist pressure.

OPEC believes that official price cuts by non-OPEC nations and any secret cut-price sales by OPEC outlaws could undermine its own price structure, heralding a collapse in "spot" or free market oil prices.

The OPEC benchmark was quoted Tuesday at almost \$1 below the official price on the spot market in Rotterdam, while Britain's key North Sea Brent quote was \$1.50 below the official \$30.

Venezuela's Energy Minister Jose Ignacio Moreno Leon said Tuesday that OPEC may have to reduce oil output by up to 2 million barrels a day in the second quarter of 1984 due to declining world demand.

USSR cuts price of oil to Finland

HELSINKI (R) — The Soviet Union has cut the price of its crude oil to Finland to around \$28.50 a barrel from the previous level of almost \$29.50, market sources said Wednesday.

The state-owned oil importing company Neste has not released a precise price figure, but a company spokesman said the cut was backdated to the beginning of this month.

Finland is scheduled to import up to 9 million tonnes of Soviet-supplied crude next year.

Market sources said the amount may be 1.5 million tonnes in excess of domestic crude requirement.

They said Finland was expected to sell the surplus on third markets, where it sold one million tonnes of Soviet-supplied Libyan crude last year.

E.C. inflation rate slows in November

BRUSSELS (R) — Inflation in the European Community (E.C.) slowed last month with prices rising 0.6 per cent, compared with an 0.8 per cent increase in October, the community's statistics office Eurostat said Wednesday.

The 11-nation trading bloc's annual inflation rate was running at 8.1 per cent, down from a 8.4 per cent in October and 9.7 per cent in November last year.

In all member states except France and Greece, the pace of inflation over the first 11 months of the year showed a considerable fall over the same period in 1982, Eurostat said.

West Germany and the Netherlands continued to show most success in the fight against price rises with annual inflation rates of 2.6 per cent and 2.9 per cent respectively.

At the other end of the scale, Greek and Italian consumers were paying 19.8 per cent and 12.7 per cent more for goods than they did in November 1982.

'Recovery outside North America seems likely to be weak, hesitant'

PARIS (R) — Recovery from the worst economic recession in Western industrialised countries since World War II is well under way in the United States, more buoyant in Japan, but still patchy in Europe, the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development said Wednesday.

But whether recovery can be sustained remains uncertain.

"With tight policies — dictated by continuing concerns over budget deficits and inflation fears — the recovery outside North America seems likely to be weak and hesitant," the OECD said in its latest half-yearly economic outlook.

The report, just published, forecasts 3.5 per cent real annual economic growth for 1984 and into the first half of 1985.

This is slightly better than expected in July, mainly due to economic activity in the United States, which has expanded by up to 4 per cent at an annual rate in the second half of 1983.

In sharp contrast to the U.S., real growth in West Europe is only expected to be 1.5 per cent in 1984 edging higher to an annual rate of 1.75 per cent in the first half of 1985.

The outlook remains overcast by a strong dollar, high

investment until a strong pick-up was visible across the 24-nation bloc.

Economic activity within the OECD is unlikely to be aided much by demand from the rest of the world.

Exports to non-oil producing developing countries are projected to recover gradually after a sharp fall in 1982 and early 1983, aided by higher commodity prices, the OECD said.

But these countries, burdened by persistently high interest rates and foreign debts, are unlikely to be able to finance more imports without increasing their export earnings.

Oil exporters are in a similar situation following an oil price cut of \$5 per barrel earlier this year.

Strong growth in the United States, the main driving force behind the recovery so far, is expected to decelerate as the housebuilding

boom subsides and business investment is dampened by continuing high interest rates, the OECD outlook said.

But trade within the group has been higher than expected and may expand at 5 to 6 per cent by mid-1985, it added.

With the dollar at new highs against most other leading currencies, the United States is expected to continue sucking in imports from other OECD countries.

The OECD said the U.S. balance of payments current account deficit will increase nearly fourfold to some \$100 billion in the first half of 1985 from an annual rate of \$27 billion in the first half of 1983.

Overall, the OECD area is forecast to show a current account shortfall of between \$40 and \$45 billion in 1984, after a \$25 billion deficit projected for 1983.

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — Equities were mixed Wednesday but with gains in the majority. Market sentiment was helped by the Bank of England's quarterly bulletin which expressed an optimistic view of Britain's economic prospects, dealers said.

Kleinwort Benson gained 51p to 418 on news that a videast client of London stockbrokers, L. Vessel and Co., is seeking to acquire up to 10 per cent of Kleinwort at 395p per share. Other merchant banks rose speculatively with Schroders 50p up to 790.

Government bonds turned firmer adding up to ¼ point following the higher opening trend on U.S. credit markets. Golds were quietly mixed and North American stocks firmed.

British and Commonwealth Shipping was 17p down at 470 and Exco was unchanged at 603 after 60N. Both companies have formed a joint venture in financial and information services.

Royal Bank of Scotland ended 14p up at 221 on speculation that Lloyds Bank will extend its holding of 21.34 per cent. Lloyds shed 3p to 554 but Bank of Scotland rose 30p to 725.

Blue Circle was 8p off at 420 on fears of possible West German cement imports. Oils reacted to Tuesday's easier trend with Shell 12p higher at 560. House of Fraser added 12p to 242 on demand in a thin market, dealers added.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Wednesday.

One sterling	1.4195/4205	U.S. dollars
One U.S. dollar	1.2496/99	Canadian dollars
	2.7690/7700	West German marks
	3.1115/25	Dutch guilders
	2.2120/35	Swiss francs
	56.40/45	Belgian francs
	8.4570/4620	French francs
	1681.00/1682.00	Italian lire
	234.85/235.00	Japanese yen
	8.1070/1100	Swedish crowns
	7.8050/8100	Norwegian crowns
	10.0250/0300	Danish crowns
One ounce of gold	378.75/379.25	U.S. dollars

Economic revival spurs Christmas shopping in wealthy countries

LONDON (R) — Department stores in the world's wealthiest nations are clocking up record Christmas takings as shoppers celebrate signs of an end to economic recession, a Reuters survey shows.

Home computers and the much-publicised "cabbage patch kids" are just 2 favourite items to have seen sales soaring in Western Europe and the United States.

In Tokyo and Singapore, the tills are ringing with toys and home electronics.

"People are just determined to have a good Christmas this year," a spokesman for London's John Lewis department store said.

John Lewis reported sales more than 12 per cent up on last year in the first week of December, while Selfridges and Harrods — the 2 most prestigious London stores — say their Christmas trade is over 20 per cent higher than in 1982.

In New York, Bloomingdale's is expecting a double-figure percentage rise in sales. R.H. Macy's reports "terrific" business and the more down-market K-Mart store chain projects turnover up 10 per cent on last year.

In France, harsh economic austerity measures and higher taxes have not prevented a Christmas bonanza in big Parisian stores.

Galleries La Fayette reports booming sales, especially in expensive toys and electronic gadgets.

"In this morose economic climate, our sales have surpassed expectations," a store spokesman said.

West Germany's 4 major store chains report higher seasonal sales than in 1982, with great interest in home computers, while Belgium's GB-Inno-BM says toy sales are up about 8 per cent on last year.

In Tokyo, Japanese workers flush with traditional year-end bonuses spent 2.5 billion yen (\$140.6 million) on December 1-11 at Mitsukoshi's Central Nishinabashi department store, 15 per cent more than on last December's peak day.

And in Denmark, rising hopes of economic revival are bringing retailers their greatest ever Christmas trade.

Copenhagen's 6 most important department stores say turnover could exceed last year's bumper total by 15 per cent. Home computers top the list, but other favourites include walkman sets, video tapes and coffee machines.

High demand in Britain for home computers has resulted in a famine of some models as serious as that of cabbage patch kids in America.

A spokeswoman for Macy's said they sell out within the hour they are delivered.

The craze has even crossed the Atlantic, and London mothers

queued outside Harrods and Hamley's, which claims to be the biggest toy shop in the world, to snap up the dolls at around £25 (£35 each) after U.S. suppliers said they could supply only 40,000 to Britain before Christmas.

Their happy manufacturer, Coleco, expects to sell 2.5 million by the end of the year.

Extra cabbage patch kids are being made in Hong Kong at the rate of about 35,000 a day and shipped abroad by specially chartered jumbo jets.

"I can't tell you about local buying trends," one harassed Hong Kong manufacturer said. "We're too busy filling other people's Christmas stockings."

Shopkeepers in debt-ridden Latin America say many customers are buying less than in previous years.

In Argentina, hit by world record inflation of 400 per cent, a straw poll of shoppers showed they were cutting down both on quantity and quality of gifts.

In Lima, the two main department stores say sales have fallen by a quarter, with the steepest drop being recorded in the toy sector.

A spokesman for one big store said people were buying useful things like shoes, clothes and appliances.

In Asia, all the large chain stores in Singapore say sales have

spurred since mid-December and are higher than last year, with toys and hi-fi equipment doing particularly well.

But retailers in Seoul report only cautious shopping, a big change from the buying spree normally widespread in teatime-loving South Korea.

"With the government's 'no present' campaign as part of its anti-corruption drive, we can hardly create the so-called Christmas mood," one department store official said.

Even the bustle and tinsel in Britain could be deceptive, according to Mr. Ewan Warwick of the Glasgow chamber of commerce.

"This is the dark lining to the silver cloud — much of the buying is by people spending their redundancy money," he says.

Nevertheless, a newspaper advertisement placed by the Save the Children Fund Charity reminded the relatively prosperous consumers of Britain of others less fortunate than themselves.

A cartoon of a starving child in a box labelled "scrap heap kids" — a parody of the best-selling cabbage patch kids — was captioned: "I spend £25 (£35) adopting a dead doll when you could help a real child."

YOUR DAILY Horoscope

from the Carroll Righter Institute

FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1983

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Consider the plans that have the broadest scope that you can envision and forget petty things. Concentrate on making a big name for yourself.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) You are very creative, but update your methods so you don't waste any time. Enter new contacts well.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Study basics well and know how to make needed improvements on them. Listen carefully and do not argue with kin.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) You can count on partners to show you to enterprise more intelligently. Keep active and succeed. Enjoy a social affair in the evening.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Handle your work more efficiently, and you can enjoy more of the good things of life. Show gratitude for good advice.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Your fine ideas can make your talent work like a charm, so get busy and be original. Have a good time with friends. Don't stay out too late.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) You are usually concerned with precision matters but now you should think big and want to get big. Drive with care.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Go to a friend who is successful in the field you are interested in to get good advice. Advance and be happy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Listen to others since your ideas are not so good. Then put in motion a new plan of action. Be happy in the evening.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Contact those with different background and ideas to your own; they can give you a better insight. Plan for a trip.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) This is a good day for organizing and expanding business affairs. A direct approach with your mate can improve your relationship.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Someone will show you what a sensible person would do to improve your status in life. Entertain this person in the evening.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Make your surroundings more functional so that you and others will be happier. Avoid one who is jealous of you.

YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... he or she will be someone who will have foresight, vision, and logic, and should have a fine college education. One who would do well in any position of importance connected with the government or at the head of some large organization.

"The Stars impel; they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1983

GENERAL TENDENCIES: The early morning may present some problems to you, but as the day passes, you can accomplish important matters and are able to see clearly. Fine for last minute Christmas shopping.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Stop feeling so depressed and get some work done. Later you can enjoy being with fun people. Go along with your mate's ideas tonight.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Although you are busy with other matters, make sure to get your home in the right condition for the holidays ahead.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Get into communications that can bring excellent results, be they Christmas gifts of worth or business matters. Contact good friends.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) A fine day for handling financial matters, so be wise and budget carefully. Spend time wrapping gifts this evening.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) You are highly magnetic today and can accomplish just about anything you set your heart and mind to. Accept any invitations extended to you.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Good day to get intimates to go along with your ideas and have a good time. Get much accomplished quickly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) A fine day for converging on friends and showing them a good time, increasing happiness on both sides. Be wise.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Don't act hastily early in the day and then you can handle your activities well and safely accomplish a good deal. Be devoted to your mate.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) An anxiety could keep you from progressing early in the day but you make up for it later. Take it easy tonight.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Follow your hunches and you can please others who are important to you. Be with the one you love as much as you can.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Get into some public work but be sure to please a bigwig. Have talks with associates and emerge in a cheerful mood.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) A day to cooperate more with fellow workers. Buy something that will make your work easier. Be your charming self tonight.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... he or she will be someone whose thoughts and principles are lofty and should meet persons of like ideas and ambitions and should go to the finest schools where such tenets will be upheld. This could be a great leader here.

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THE BETTER HALF

By Harris

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"How can you call this candy bar 'all-natural'? Was it grown by nature on a candy bar farm?"

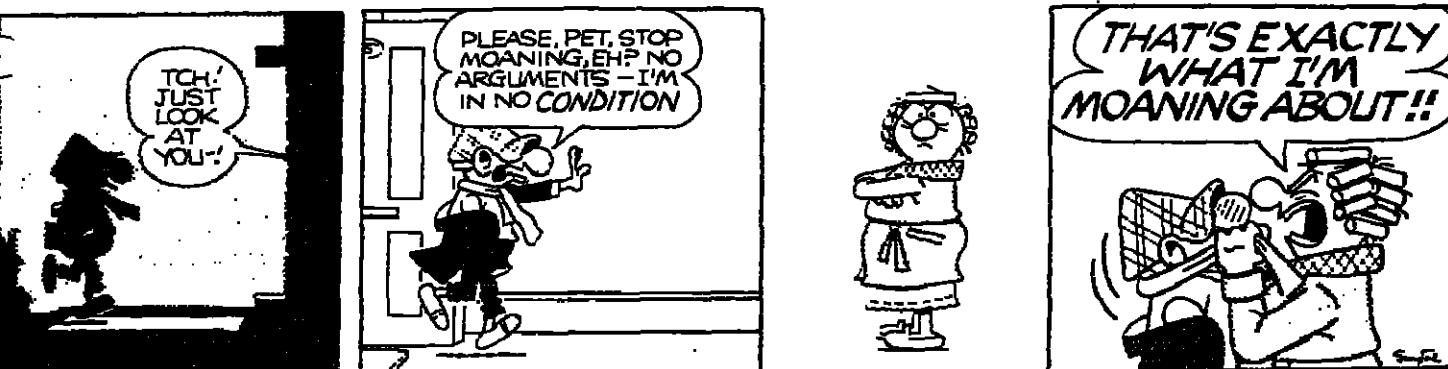
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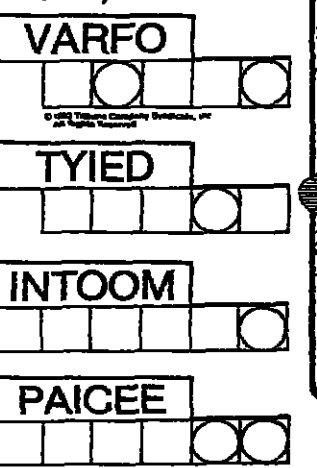


Andy Capp



JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



Print answer here: _____

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: GOING DEMON PHYSIC FACADE

Answer: What that mutt liked best for breakfast — "POACHED" EGGS

